

North Sailor Street Improvements - 2019 Construction Newsletter

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Construction:

- Bituminous Streets
- Sanitary Sewer
- Watermain
- Water & Sewer Services
- Storm Sewer

Construction schedule:

Start: June 26, 2019
Finish: October 31, 2019

Final Lift: June 30, 2020

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Project Status

The Sailor Street project has been underway for a few weeks. CenterPoint Energy has finished relocating the gas lines and Holtmeier Construction is working on the underground utilities in Phase 1. There will be a few changes to the phasing plan to better accommodate public access and maintain water service.

The first change is the watermain installation on Riverview. This was going to be a part of Phase 4 but will be moved to Phase 1 in order to maintain water service to the homes on Riverview. Currently, the homes on Riverview are getting water from Sailor Street. Holtmeier Construction will be installing the watermain on Riverview sometime mid this week. This will take approximately three days to complete and when finished, the contractor will restore driveway access with gravel. The remainder of Phase 4 will stay the same.

The second change is Phase 5. Phase 5 is Sailor Street reconstruction from 2nd Street to 1st Street. Due to the poor street conditions, this phase will be moved up to Phase 2. Once 1st Street is completed with gravel, the contractor will start working on Sailor Street from 1st Street to 2nd Street.

See attached map, with the updated phasing changes. We appreciate your patience and we will do our best to keep you up to date with the construction progress and changes. Bolton & Menk, Inc. is the City's engineer for the project. They will act as an extension of City Staff in monitoring construction work and interacting with the contractor daily. Should any questions or concerns arise during the construction process, please contact Bolton & Menk's representatives listed on the lower left side.



Project Timeline

With the changes made to the phasing plan, Holtmeier Construction will tentatively finish Phase 1 in two weeks. Phase 2 will start following the underground work of Phase 1. As the underground work is completed in each phase, the contractor will grade the street and place aggregate base (gravel) for temporary access to driveways. Concrete curb and paving will likely be done later in the season once several areas are ready.

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Private Utilities

CenterPoint Energy should have all gas lines relocated. Please note, this work was not under the direction or supervision of the City but was necessary to prepare for the proposed utility and street construction and to update their aging facilities.

Water Shutdowns

Occasional water shut-downs will be required for the crews to make connections to the existing water lines. We ask for your patience and understanding, as the Contractor will do their best to provide reasonable notice and reduce the length of any water shut downs required. Typically, we will try to ensure at least a one-day notice is given for shutdowns and the outage limited between 2 to 8 hours long.

Access

As the project moves forward, parking and access to your property will continue to change. When construction is being conducted adjacent to your property you may have to park in the alley, at a neighbor's house or on a side street, where your vehicle is safe and out of the way. Access will be intermittent during underground construction and for longer periods during street grading, curb and pavement construction. Rain will also have an impact on property access. We realize access will be difficult and thank you for your patience. We will communicate access restrictions on a regular basis throughout the project. You may contact Ben to discuss your needs and concerns.

Garbage, Recycling & Mail

Until further notice, continue to place your garbage and recycling bins where you normally place them for each scheduled pick-up. The contractor will contact and coordinate with the pick-up companies. We will be in touch with you as the project continues regarding locations for garbage and recycling pick-up. Please write or display your house number prominently on your bins so that it can be returned to you.

The contractor will contact and coordinate with the postal service on how mail will be delivered during the project. More information will come once a plan is established.

